

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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Advocacy Opportunities

The Arc of North Carolina is passionate about working with individuals and families living with an intellectual or developmental disability access information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate in their community. They have two wonderful advocacy opportunities coming up that they would like to share.

Rooted in Advocacy

March 12-13 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

Real advocacy can happen when people from all walks of life come together to learn, engage, and then act on important issues facing the disability community. The Arc of North Carolina's *Rooted in Advocacy* annual conference is the source for the I/DD community at all levels in North and South Carolina. Through large and small group sessions, keynote speakers, and networking events, your attendance at the conference will strengthen ties between the professional community, direct support staff, chapters, families, and self-advocates and will ultimately build stronger, more inclusive communities. <https://www.rootedinadvocacy.org/>

Advocacy Curriculum

Self-paced, online training curriculum.

As we start a new year and enter the second half of the school year, it is the perfect time to ensure your students with disabilities are on the right path at school! Whether you're a parent, educator, service provider, or non-attorney advocate, The Arc@School is here to help. We know that determining and implementing the services a student with disabilities needs at school can be overwhelming and confusing. Our **Advocacy Curriculum** provides the basic information to understand early intervention, IDEA, IEPs, and more. <https://thearcatschool.org/advocacy-curriculum/>



<https://www.arcnc.org/>

Upcoming

February 2020

- AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month
- Marfan Awareness Month
- 6th: Feeding Tube Awareness Week
- 7th: Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week
- 14th: Donor Day
- 15th: International Angelman Day
- 28th: Rare Disease Awareness Day

2020 Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award

- The deadline for applying for this scholarship is February 12, 2020. Visit: <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/scholarship-deadline-approaching-apply-now/> for more information.

NC Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference

- February 26-28, 2020 at the Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC. Visit: <https://community.cec.sped.org/nc/chapters/new-item> for more information & to register.

PACER Center

- This parent training and information center offers many sessions for parents of children with a disability. Visit their workshop site to see all of the options: <https://www.pacer.org/workshops/?fltr=Streaming>.

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